

**Butler County Board of Elections  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2024**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for a special meeting. Roll call was taken, and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member mariann penska, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg III, Director Nicole Unzicker, Deputy Director Eric Corbin and one member of the public, Gail Niederlehner.

Director Unzicker said there is one item of business on the agenda which is to vote on the challenge of right to vote forms that were filed. She explained that document 1 contains the relevant ORC which references the challenge of right to vote process and the requirements of the Borad, challenger and voters. She explained the next packet contains the information of the voters and the third document contains copies of the original challenge forms.

Director Unzicker explained that the voters listed under, "Challenge 1(A) – Potential Deceased Registered Voters – Resolved" had their records compared to the Ohio vital statistics deceased report. She explained that thirty of these voters were able to be cancelled after verifying the voters were listed on the deceased report. She noted that the Board of Elections recently gained access to the deceased report which has slightly more information than the STEVE report that the Board normally receives. Member Hall moved to grant the challenge of thirty voters listed under, "Challenge 1(A) – Potential Deceased Registered Voters – Resolved"; seconded by member penska. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained that the voters listed under, "Challenge 1(B) – Potential Deceased Registered Voters – Not Resolved" also had their records compared to the Ohio vital statistics deceased report but were not able to be confirmed. For these two voters a match was not able to be made when comparing the personal identifying information that the Board maintains with information from the deceased report. Member penaka moved to deny the challenge of two voters listed under, "Challenge 1(B) – Potential Deceased Registered Voters – Not Resolved"; seconded by member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained the voters listed under "Challenge 2(A) – Potential Duplicate Registration in Ohio – Resolved" had their records compared to other possible duplicate records either within the state or county. Fifty-one of these voter records were able to be resolved by merging the duplicate records into the correct county. She noted that sometimes voter handwriting was misinterpreted such as, the difference between a "T" and a "J", or that conflicting information was provided by the voter. For records outside of Butler County, the staff worked with other counties to resolve the duplicates. Member Hall moved to grant the challenge of fifty-one voters listed under, "Challenge 2(A) – Potential Duplicate Registration in Ohio – Resolved"; seconded by member penska. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained that the voters listed under, "Challenge 2(B) Potential Duplicate Voters – Not Resolved" had their records compared to other possible duplicate records either within the state or county. Twenty-four of these voter records were not able to be resolved by merging the duplicate records. When comparing the voter records, a match was not able to be

made when comparing the personal identifying information that the Board maintains of each of the identified potential duplicate records. Member penska moved to deny the challenge of Twenty-four voters listed under, "Challenge 2(B) Potential Duplicate Voters – Not Resolved"; seconded by member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud                    yea  
Member penska                    yea  
Member Hall                        yea  
Member Wunnenberg            yea  
All in favor; motion carried.



Challenge of Right to Vote  
June 27, 2024

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Challenges Filed Pursuant to [R.C. 3503.24](#)

A qualified elector may file an application for correction or challenge either in person or by mail with the office of the board of elections. A challenger must 1) use Secretary of State Form 257, 2) file the application or challenge no later than 30 days before an election, 3) state the reasons for the application or challenge, and 4) sign under the penalty of election falsification.

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ORC 3503.24, Application for correction of precinct registration list or challenge of right to vote.

(B) On receiving an application or challenge filed under this section, the board of elections promptly shall review the board's records. If the board is able to determine that an application or challenge should be granted or denied solely on the basis of the records maintained by the board, the board immediately shall vote to grant or deny that application or challenge.

If the board is not able to determine whether an application or challenge should be granted or denied solely on the basis of the records maintained by the board, the director shall promptly set a time and date for a hearing before the board. The hearing shall be held, and the application or challenge shall be decided, no later than ten days after the board receives the application or challenge. The director shall send written notice to any elector whose right to vote is challenged and to any person whose name is alleged to have been omitted from a registration list. The notice shall inform the person of the time and date of the hearing, and of the person's right to appear and testify, call witnesses, and be represented by counsel. The notice shall be sent by first class mail no later than three days before the day of any scheduled hearing. Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, the director shall also provide the person who filed the application or challenge with such written notice of the date and time of the hearing.

(C) If the board decides that any such person is not entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's registration forms canceled. If the board decides that the name of any such person should appear on the registration list, it shall be added to the list, and the person's registration forms placed in the proper registration files. All such corrections and additions shall be made on a copy of the precinct lists, which shall constitute the poll lists, to be furnished to the respective precincts with other election supplies on the day preceding the election, to be used by the election officials in receiving the signatures of voters and in checking against the registration forms.

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Required Board Action

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**Challenge 1(A) – Potential Deceased Registered Voters – Resolved**

The voter records attached were able to be verified and resolved by cancelling the voter record per the Ohio Vital Statistics Deceased Report.

Grant Challenge  (Recommended)

- (C) If the board decides that any such person is not entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's registration forms canceled.

Deny Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

- No Action

**Challenge 1(B) – Potential Deceased Registered Voters – Not Resolved**

The voter records attached are unable to be resolved with the records maintained by the Board of Elections.

Grant Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

- (C) If the board decides that any such person is not entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's registration forms canceled.

Deny Challenge  (Recommended)

- No Action – The voter identification associated with the challenged records did not match the records on file with the Board of Election.

**Challenge 2(A) – Potential Duplicate Registration in Ohio – Resolved**

These duplicate voter records have been resolved with other Ohio counties in accordance with our duplicate process as stated in the Ohio Elections Official Manual and are no longer duplicate records.

Grant Challenge  (Recommended)

- (C) If the board decides that any such person is not entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's registration forms canceled.

Deny Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

- No Action

**Challenge 2(B) Potential Duplicate Voters – Not Resolved**

The voter records attached are unable to be resolved with the records maintained by the Board of Elections.

Grant Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

- (C) If the board decides that any such person is not entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's registration forms canceled.

Deny Challenge  (Recommended)

- No Action – The voter identification associated with the challenged records did not match the records on file with the Board of Election.

With no further business, Member Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member penska. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud                    yea  
 Member penska                    yea  
 Member Hall                        yea  
 Member Wunnenberg            yea  
 All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:08 a.m.

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Frank Cloud, Chairman

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Nicole Unzicker, Director

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Todd Hall, Member

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Chris Wunnenberg III, Member

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mariann penska, Member